

At the Meeting of the Greenville County Water and Sewer Authority, held on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, with Budget Session beginning at 3:00 P.M., via Live Stream due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, at the Golden Leaf Commons, 1300 Greenville County Circle, Emporia, Virginia

Present: William B. Cain, Chairman
James R. Brown, Vice-Chairman
Belinda D. Astrop
Tony M. Conwell

Chairman Cain called the meeting to order.

In Re: Approval of Agenda

Chairman Cain recommended approval of the Agenda with no added items.

Mr. Conwell moved, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve the Agenda, as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mrs. Astrop, aye; Mr. Brown, aye; Mr. Conwell, aye and Chairman Cain, aye.

In Re: Resolution #WS-20-56 – Advertise for Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Water and Sewer Rates

Mr. Glen Gibson, Assistant Director, addressed the Authority and read Resolution #WS-20-56 into record. He then requested approval of the following:

**RESOLUTION #WS-20-56
PUBLIC HEARING - WATER & SEWER RATES**

WHEREAS, the Greenville County Water & Sewer Authority must establish rates for the provision of potable water and the treatment and disposal of wastewater to cover the expenses necessary or properly attributable to furnishing the services; and

WHEREAS, the last water rate increase was effective in January 2020 and the last sewer increase was effective January 2020; and

WHEREAS, the expenses of the Authority have increased as to warrant a water rate increase of six percent and a sewer rate increase of five percent for residential, commercial, industrial and institutional customers; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE AUTHORITY: Authorizes the Administration to advertise the public hearing for two weeks in the local paper and on the Authority's website.

Mr. Conwell moved, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve Resolution #WS-20-56. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mrs. Astrop, aye; Mr. Brown, aye; Mr. Conwell, aye and Chairman Cain, aye.

Mr. Cain asked about the water supply for the 58 West Service Area.

Mr. Gibson Stated that Mr. Cain wanted to know what percentage of customers were actually in the 58 West Service Area for both water and sewer. He stated that there was 86 water customers residing in the service area and 1,884 service connections were with the Water and Sewer Authority. He also stated that the figures were attributed to residency connection because it was difficult to establish how many customers because there may be one resident living in a household or there may be six residents living in a household. Mr. Gibson further stated that there could be a commercial establishment with many employees. He then stated that the 86 customer represented the number of connections equaling 4.6% of the Authority's water customers in the 58 West Service area. Mr. Gibson also stated that there were \$348,013 in water sales during FY2020 in the 58 West service area and \$2,101,367 in water sales during FY2020 in the entire GCWSA water system. He stated that the 58 West service area accounted for 16.6% of GCWSA's water sales.

Mr. Gibson stated that there was one commercial client on the sewer service in the area. He stated there were 1,659 sewer service connections that was approximately .1% of the sewer customers. He also stated that there were \$143,240 in sewer sales during FY2020 in the 58 West service area and \$2,350,333 in sewer sales during Fy2020 in the entire GCWSA sewer system. He stated that the 58 West service area accounted for 6.1% of GCWSA's sewer sales.

Mr. Gibson stated that Staff was working with the City of Emporia and was interested in working on the agreement. He stated that he hoped City Council would not continue to impose rate increases more than needed.

Mr. Cain stated that the Authority would be facing an issue like as this every year unless there was a change with City Council in increasing the rates.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Astrop moved, seconded by Mr. Brown, to adjourn. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mrs. Astrop, aye; Mr. Brown, aye; Mr. Conwell, aye and Chairman Cain, aye.

William B. Cain, Chairman
Greensville County Water and Sewer Authority